

*Whereas, the Honorable Joanne M. Smith has served Ramsey County with unmatched distinction since 1979, first as an assistant public defender and then as a district court judge from November 1983 through October 2, 2015; and*

*Whereas, Judge Smith was the first female chief judge to serve in any judicial district in Minnesota; and*

*Whereas, Judge Smith served as the Chief Judge of the Minnesota Supreme Court Civil Commitment Appeal Panel; and*

*Whereas, Judge Smith chaired the Minnesota Supreme Court Chemical Dependency Task Force from 2005-2007 and was also a longstanding member of the Supreme Court's Drug Court Initiative Advisory Committee; and*

*Whereas, Judge Smith was the founding judge for Ramsey County's Juvenile Drug Court and the Adult Substance Abuse Court which has since become a model for the nation; and*

*Whereas, Judge Smith was inducted into the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Hall of Fame in 2012 for her leadership, innovation and her dedication to problem-solving courts; and*

*Whereas, Judge Smith has consistently displayed an unparalleled commitment to improving the quality of justice for residents throughout Ramsey County; and*

*Whereas, Judge Smith's passion for justice is matched only by her outstanding judicial temperament and her dedication to public service in this community for the last thirty-six years,*

***Now, Therefore, I, Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 01, 2015, to be:***

***Honorable Joanne M. Smith Day***

*in the City of Saint Paul*

*In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this First Day of October in the Year Two Thousand Fifteen.*

*Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor*